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Appendix I: Intelligence Functions of
German Military Documents Section

1. The following functions are now performed by the exploitation sub-section of German Military Documents Section:

- a. Screening of all incoming documents shipments for material of intelligence value; determining priorities for setting up (by the archival sub-section) of documents ~~or~~ document collections (1) which contain material needed by Special Documents Section or other intelligence agencies for exploitation or special projects, (2) which require detailed screening and indexing for items of intelligence interest.
- b. Advising the archival sub-section as to the disposition of captured documents which are (1) of no intelligence or military value; to be deposited on permanent loan with other government agencies. (2) of primary technical value; to be exploited by the technical services of the War Department.
- c. Preparing information abstracts and compiling and maintaining an index (known as the GMDS Intelligence Catalogue) of all items of intelligence value contained in documents in the German Military Documents Section collection.
- d. Indicating which documents are of particular interest to agencies maintaining liaison groups with GMDS, such as the FBI, War Crimes Commission, etc.

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- (e) Determining the security classification of captured German documents, i.e., the upgrading or downgrading, from the overall classification of "confidential", of individual documents or information therefrom (as authorized by Chief, Information Control Branch, Security Group, ID, WDGS)
- (f) Determining the availability within GMDS of all documents containing intelligence information on a specific subject in response to requests from authorized agencies. This involves searching the collection for, and assembling the relevant documents for the interested agency, but does not include the translating of documents.

2. Documents Branch will assume the above functions and provide a CIG detachment to operate in the Pentagon in direct conjunction with the Adjutant General. The latter will take over the title "German Military Documents Section," and all non-intelligence functions, such as those of the archival sub-section. These including, receiving, library-cataloguing, shelving, storing, loaning to other agencies, recording, and otherwise handling and disposing of documents. A detailed plan for coordination and cooperation between CIG, the Adjutant General, and the Intelligence Division on such matters as de-classification, directives to field collecting agencies, etc. will be submitted later.

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